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JOHN SEVIER LODGE, No. 50.



Meet every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the Hall over First National Bank. All visiting Knights invited.

We have 1,000 Yellow Locust Posts for sale. SEEVER & SUMMERS.

We offer a liberal reward for a better wagon than the "Old Hickory," cost considered. SEEVER & SUMMERS.

Butler Stover has sold 400 bushels of corn to Fayette of Johnson City—Mountain.

**Tourists.** Whether on business or pleasure, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectively on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50c and \$1 bottles by all leading druggists.

The Elizabethton Woolen Mills Company, which was recently organized, has applied for a charter of incorporation. Those most intimately connected with the new organization are: C. H. Lewis, E. E. Hunter, David and Ab. Brumit, W. M. Cameron, W. E. Carter and Mrs. J. P. Scott.

"Golden Medical Discovery" cures those diseases which come from impurities—scrofula and skin diseases, sores and swellings.

But does it? It's put up by the thousands of gallons, and sold to hundreds of thousands. Can it cure as well as though it had been compounded just for you?

Its makers say that thousands of people who have had tetter and salt rheum, eczema and erysipelas, carbuncles and sore eyes, thick neck and enlarged glands, are well today because they used it.

Suppose that this is so. Suppose that a quick witted man was far seeing enough to know that to cleanse the blood was to cleanse the life. Suppose that by many experiments, and after many experiments, he discovered this golden key to health and that his faith in it for you is so strong that you can go to your druggist, buy a bottle, and if it doesn't help you, you can get your money returned—cheerfully. Will you try it?

The remedy to have faith in, is the remedy the makers themselves have faith in.

Prof. J. F. Browning left yesterday for his home in Greene County. For two years Prof. Browning has been principal of the Watauga graded school and has given entire satisfaction, being not only a brilliant instructor but good in his discipline.

**How's This?** We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that can not be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. J. F. CHENEY & Co., Prop's, Toledo, Ohio.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him.

WATER & TETAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; WALKING, KIRKMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Dr. W. J. Miller and wife left last night for Washington, D. C., and other eastern cities. He will attend the American Medical Association which meets in Washington, on the 6th inst.

**Happy Hoosiers.** Wm. Timmons, postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for it had feeling arising from Liver and Kidney troubles." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, or some place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: "Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c a bottle at McFarland & Co's drug store."

**To Resume Work.** The industrial fever is catching. One by one Johnson City's industries resume active operation after the departure of a long season of rain and mud.

The Crandall-Harris Tobacco Works will resume operations to-morrow with a force of thirty hands in the manufacture of several brands of chewing tobacco. In the course of ten days the force will be increased to fifty hands.

This firm has done some good work in the past and has manufactured many brands of the best chewing tobacco.

They will open under favorable circumstances, and a good summer's work is promised.

Miss Ethel Mathews, returning from Washington, passed through the city yesterday enroute to her former home at Washington College.

## COL. A. M. SHOOK ON THE OUTLOOK

Edward Atkinson and Party of Capitalists to Visit Johnson City.

Col. A. M. Shook, of Nashville, was interviewed by a Chattanooga Times reporter Thursday at Chattanooga. We take the following extract from the interview as it appeared in the Times:

"Speaking of the business outlook, Mr. Shook said that he looked for much better times within the next ten days. Said he: 'The iron consumers and manufacturers in general have for some time been alarmed over the labor troubles. They had made preparations to shut down their works if the strike occurred the 1st of May. Because of this fact, the manufacturers had for the past sixty days purchased little or no stock. Now that it is an assured fact that the big strike will not occur, they will lay in a stock of iron and other raw materials in proportion. This will have the effect of stimulating prices and restoring confidence throughout the country, and in all businesses and vocations of life.'

"I can tell you an interesting bit of news," continued Mr. Shook, as a beam of satisfaction flashed over his genial countenance: "the noted statistician and political economist, Edward Atkinson, is about to visit Chattanooga. He will be accompanied by a party of some twelve or fifteen prominent bankers and learned men of Boston. They will leave the city on May 4, for several weeks tour through the South. They will visit Bristol, Johnson City, Cranberry, Cumberland Gap, Middleboro, and Knoxville, arriving in Chattanooga May 15.

"The party will visit the various points of interest here and will then spend two days in the Sequachee Valley. I have written President Thomas of the Nashville & Chattanooga Road, and he has informed me he will place a special train at their disposal and, if possible, will accompany the party."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Minutes and Proceedings of the Convention.

The Sunday School Convention met in Jonesboro Friday morning at 9 o'clock. A song was rendered in the opening. Rev. J. C. Cowan read a scripture lesson which was followed by short talks by the members of the convention.

The election of officers was entered into and the following were elected: Col. R. H. Dungan, President; C. H. Jennings, Secretary and Treasurer.

It was moved that the report of the different schools in the county be limited to three minutes.

The chairman announced that a great many of the statistical reports had not been sent in.

The superintendents of the different Sunday schools in the county made brief but flattering reports. The reports from the various Sunday schools were interesting and gratifying.

The following committee on resolutions was appointed: J. J. Adams, D. W. Remine, R. A. Wood.

A move was made to limit the time for discussion of each topic to thirty minutes, and that ten minutes be the limit for the first speaker.

The topic of "Successful Teaching" was discussed by Dr. J. C. King, Rev. Mr. Snow, Judge Hacker and others.

Topic: "How to Induce Pupils to study their lessons," was opened by Prof. Chas. Mason and was followed by Prof. Wilson.

Topic: "Teachers Meeting," was opened by Prof. Wilson; W. M. Christian, K. C. Adams and others discussed the topic. The convention took recess for dinner.

In the afternoon session the discussion of topics was continued. "Lesson Help" and the Bible in the Sunday School," was opened by Col. T. H. Reeves, followed by Prof. Wilson, A. R. Johnson, T. B. Russell and others.

It was generally expressed that the lesson help should be used but not abused.

The topic, "Use of Blackboard, Chart, Object Lessons," was illustrated and commented upon by W. M. Christian.

Use of blackboard and chart was discussed by Rev. Mr. Snow.

Topic, "The Ultimate Object of Sunday School Work," was opened by R. A. Wood, followed by J. A. Gargile, J. J. Adams, Dr. King, J. W. Crumley and others. All the topics were discussed with interest. The conversation was not only one of pleasantness, but of profit as well.

Good ideas were presented on almost every phase of the work. The convention was furnished with good music throughout the exercises.

Following are the resolutions adopted by the convention: Resolved first; that we tender our hearty thanks to the officers and members of this church for the use of the house for the meeting of this body. Resolved second; that we most earnestly appreciate and thank the good people of Jonesboro, for their excellent hospitality extended to the delegates of this convention.

**G. A. R. Picnic.** The Posts of East Tennessee will give a Grand Army Picnic and Experience Meeting at Hampton, June 17, 1891. All comrades and their families and friends are invited to join us and spend the day pleasantly together. Splendid music. Brass and sheepskin bands, also the best vocal talent, have been invited and will join us in entertaining all who participate in this our first annual G. A. R. Picnic. Come, comrades, with well filled baskets, and let us break bread together once more and eat "hard-tack" and "saw-bosom" in the shade of the beautiful Doe River. Commander A. J. Gahagan and other prominent comrades will be with us. Special railroad rates.

By order of COM. OF ARRANGEMENT.

A negro ejected from a train in Mississippi was awarded \$2,000 damages yesterday by a jury entirely white. This occurred at Vicksburg, the citizens of which have been insulted by President Harrison! Comment is unnecessary.—Appeal-Avalanche.

## THE THREE C'S.

The Plan of Reorganization Agreed To.

The Line to be Completed in Tennessee at Once.

"The bondholders of the Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago Railroad Company have agreed to a plan of reorganization, under which they give up their first lien on the property for \$5,567,000, and remit a new mortgage for \$2,500,000, to be placed ahead of their bonds. This plan may rescue the road from its difficulties. The proceeds of this new loan will be used in completing a number of gaps in the line of road in Tennessee that will make the whole line of value. It is understood that the new loan can be floated. The accomplishment of this plan would enhance the value of the present bonds, and would in consequence assist in straightening out the affairs of the suspended firm of Barker Bros., and of the Investment Company, of Philadelphia."

The above article is taken from the daily Indicator, a financial journal published on Broadway, New York City, and devoted exclusively to railroad, mining and commercial interests. The clipping is self explanatory and substantiates what was said in THE COMET last Sunday in regard to the matter.

For several years THE COMET has had something to say about the Three C's, and has looked forward to its completion with interest and pride, and it is a source of great pleasure to it now to be able to publish the good news that the difficulties have all been adjusted, and that the early completion of the line is assured. THE COMET will not rejoice alone in this good news. There are thousands of people in and out of Johnson City who will throw up their hats and shout for joy at the prospect, and well they may, for the day work is commenced on the road will mark a new era of progress and prosperity for Johnson City, and it will only be a few short months, at most, until cars will be running to the coaling coal fields of Virginia and Kentucky, and with that will commence the long looked for epoch in the history of this immediate section—the manufacture of Bessemer pig at the minimum cost of \$10 per ton.

## WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

Special Correspondence.

Thursday Evening, May 1, 1891.

Prof. and Mrs. D. N. Craft presented the musical students of the college with a most elegant bouquet of choice flowers. There were present fifty-five students, all claiming a part of the bouquet. Refreshments were served at 9 o'clock.

Miss Monica Craft, the accomplished daughter of the host and hostess, entertained the guests with music. Miss Craft is a pleasant and charming performer, and furnished most excellent music.

Parlor games were engaged in until late, when Miss Anna Truitt in a graceful manner returned thanks in behalf of the guests for the splendid refreshments and general good time.

It was the most splendid entertainment of the season and was so appreciated by all.

Rev. John F. Baxter who has just completed his course in the ministerial study at McCormick's Seminary, of Chicago, is spending a few days with home folks near this place.

The concert given by the Mozart Music Society, was a success financially and otherwise. Fifty-three dollars were realized.

W. D. Snapp, an old and respected citizen, who drowned himself in the river near his home, was buried at Salton Wednesday.

A number of parties from this place, attended the Sunday school convention in Jonesboro Monday.

C. S. Taylor of Greenville, visited the college this week.

## JONESBORO.

Special Correspondence to THE COMET.

JONESBORO, May 2.

Miss Carrie Reeves, who for the past year has been in Brooklyn, studying art is at home spending her vacation.

Dr. E. Ross, of the Nashville Christian Advocate, is visiting his sister, Mrs. S. J. Kirkpatrick.

Miss Rose Stewart, who has been for the past month visiting in Rome, Ga., and Knoxville, returned home today.

Mr. Allen, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is in town for a few days.

Mr. J. J. Hunt left yesterday for Bristol and other Eastern cities.

Essie Fannie Perkins, of England, sailed on the 29th ult. from Liverpool, and is to spend the summer in the town with her aunt, Mrs. Dr. Wheeler.

Miss Fannie Lipscomb, one of the delegates from the Presbyterian Sunday School, of Johnson City, was the guest of Miss Carrie Reeves, during the convention.

Mr. Earnest Briscoe and Mr. Sam Hodge, of Knoxville, were registered at the Inn this week.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Johnson City, was in town yesterday on legal business.

## EVERY FARMER SHOULD READ THIS.

We can now sell you the Farmers' Oliver Chilled Plow for \$9.00 former price \$10.50. Take advantage of this reduction.

## SEEVER & SUMMERS.

Wanted.

First-class Building and Loan Agents (Special or Local) to represent one of the strongest and most progressive Associations in the country.

Liberal and permanent contracts to the right men.

HENRY C. AMOS, District Manager for East Tennessee, Johnson City, Tenn.

## TO OPERATORS OF MACHINERY.

We now carry in stock all sizes of gum belting of the New York stamp, and can furnish without the customary delay of ordering.

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Work on the mill has advanced rapidly, and it is now most ready to be operated. The engine will be fired tomorrow for the first time to test the boilers, etc.

There are now on the side tracks two carloads of grain and 325 bushels of corn, waiting for the mill to be opened up. They will be ready to start in about ten days.

This is one of the best and most substantial mills in East Tennessee, and it will prove a valuable acquisition to Johnson City.

Being the first flouring mill for the city, it adds to the industrial variation and goes to show that we will have diversified plants outside of the iron industry.

## La Grippe Again.

During the epidemic of La Grippe last season Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, proved to be the best remedy. Reports from all who used it confirm this statement: They were not only quickly relieved, but the disease left no bad after results. We ask you to give this remedy a trial and we guarantee that you will be satisfied with the results or it is your money back.

There is no equal in La Grippe, or any throat, chest, or lung trouble. Trial bottle free at McFarland & Co's drug store. Large bottle, 50c. and \$1.00.

## Chaucer Depew thinks President Harrison is a good speaker.

If anybody is qualified to give expert testimony on this point it is undoubtedly our Chauncer. But if anybody can afford to praise another's oratory without lessening the reputation of his own, it is also the same delightful assistant of digestive mirth.—Chicago News.

## CHANCE AND CHANGE.

Though dull and dark thickies, what boots despair? 'Tis but the moment, which will soon be over. The morning's dawn may be as bright and fair. As though the clouds were past forever more.

Not be too overjoyous if the day is glad and bright, and Nature hath her face revealed in smiles the morning may be gray. And leaden clouds come driving on apace.

Darkness to light, and light to darkness yields; Night unto day, and day unto the night. Even while the cloud shades hover o'er the fields, Triumphant through them bursts the sun's glad light.

So 'tis with life. Be not too much cast down if darkness rests upon thee, nor elate if bright be all thy pathway; smile and frown. Fit swiftly o'er the countenance of Fate.

And that thy mirror is. She frowns on those who weakly murmur and who fear the strife; But smiles on him who mocks at all her blows, And bravely bears him through this changing life.

—Exchange.

## Drugs in the Stable.

The extent to which drugs are used gratuitously and without pathological cause by unscrupulous grocers is a matter for surprise rather than for direct evidence; but many of our readers may recall the alteration for good or bad in the condition of their horses which has become apparent before long upon a casual change of grocers—where one predecessor or successor as the case may be, has indulged in this practice of useless drugging and the other has abstained from it. Hunters for which no day seemed too long a year ago now "stop" and give out half way in an ordinary run, and chance fences at which they used to free freely; or phantoms horse sweat profusely at the end of a quarter of an hour at eight miles an hour with the thermometer only temperate.

When such symptoms disclose themselves the master may begin to suspect that something is wrong, and that anatomy is superseding the brain and curbs in his stables. If a direct accusation does not elicit confession and a promise of reformation he will do well to give notice and to look out for a new servant before the health of his stable is ruined. The drug thus administered for this special purpose begins to lose its former efficacy before repeated doses; the grocer then probably increases the dose, and perhaps before long some valuable animal is hopelessly ruined in health, if not absolutely poisoned and taken to the knacker's.—London Field.

## Machinery Run by Foot Power.

A mechanical power has been invented by Mr. William Riley Hunter, of Afton, Ia., which is intended to run any light machinery by foot power, such as buzz saws, scroll saws, lathes, etc., and consists of a main frame carrying a main shaft on which is mounted a fly wheel, carrying a belt adapted to convey power to a saw in a hand or lathe hand adjusted at top of frame. Two friction clutches are on said shaft, a rope passing over two idle pulleys at top of frame, thence over and several times around the periphery of said clutches, the ends of rope being fastened to treadles. By sitting upon the seat and operating the treadles in the usual way with the feet the machine is put in motion.—New York Telegram.



Every lady who buys a pair of \$2.50 to \$3.50 Shoes this week will receive a bottle of

Gilt Edge Shoe Polish,

the best Polish in the world, free. Besides, you will find the Best Line of Shoes to select from.

Yours in Shoes,

LYLE, HICKEY & Co., CITY SHOE STORE.

## New York's Night Workers.

The number of night workers in New York would make quite a formidable army. It is estimated that 60,000 people begin their labors after dark and their numbers are being constantly increased. The hotels and restaurants employ the greatest number, about 10,000 people being necessary to supply the city's night wants in that direction. The bakers come next on the list, and that the sleeping portion of the city may have its hot rolls and fresh bread for the coming day, 7,000 people are laboring. The saloon keepers and their assistants number the same as the bakers. The butchers are 3,000 strong and the gardeners and marketmen are equally numerous.

The steamboatmen and sailors, the liveries and hack drivers, and the milkmen are 7,000 in number. The surface cars need 2,000 men and the elevated roads 1,500. There are 2,000 engineers and firemen, 1,000 district messengers, 1,000 printers, and 1,000 men in the fire department. The different telegraph offices employ 700 men, and the journalists, newspaper clerks and custom house inspectors number each about 400. There are 1,700 men in the police department, and just one-half of these patrol the streets every night. Then there are private watchmen, laborers, fruit vendors, etc., and the number is estimated at 10,000. Only for these night workers the life and wellbeing of the city would be sadly incomplete.—New York Cor. Richmond Times.

## A New European Sporting Resort.

For the sportsman in search of "new worlds to conquer" some interesting and trustworthy statistics are to hand from a country hitherto little visited, and yet not difficult of access—to wit, Bosnia. The name of this province has long been associated with the maze of political problems included in the eastern question, but from official reports published by the local authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, we gather that these territories have some special claims to the attention, not only of statesmen, but of those who love the pursuit of big game.

It appears that the abundance of bears in the highlands and of wolves in the lowlands of Bosnia is such that the government offers special grants for their destruction, and it is reported that in consequence of these offers during the ten years ending in 1889 884 bears and 8,490 wolves were destroyed. In the one year—1885—was slain 129 bears and 1,057 wolves were killed, and about the same number in 1887. The central highlands of Bosnia are said to be the principal haunt of the bears, especially to the north and west of Travnik and Sarajevo, while northern Bosnia is overrun by wolves and harbors few bears. There must be many sportsmen to whom it would be worth while to try their luck in a country so well stocked with bears.—Land and Water.

## The Influence of Poetry.

The reading of poetry predisposes the heart to generous thoughts; it teaches a young man what is noble in mankind; it opens his mind to the reception of great hopes and unselfish ambitions. Never again can a man feel that rapine of spirit which falls upon a library, while the dusty dance as the sun pours through the windows upon the leather backs of the books, while outside the earth rumble up and down the street, he sits alone among the books, poring over a volume of poetry. Then the gates of heaven lie open for him to gaze within; may heaven itself be close to him, within his reach, and ready for the whole world should they but choose to step within.—Walter Besant in Harper's Bazar.

## Lightning Forces.

It has been calculated that the electric force of a bolt of lightning is about 3,500,000 volts, the current about 14,000,000 amperes and the time to be one-twentieth part of a second. In such a bolt there is an energy of 2,450,000,000 watts, or 3,284,182 horse power.—Science.

## No Haste About It.

Mrs. Canker—It's the same old story with us, "Marry in haste and repent at leisure."

Miss Brightly—Why, my dear, if I remember your wedding costume right, it must have taken you half a day to dress.—Judge.

## Expensive Apples.

"I paid \$5.01 for that apple my boy ate."

"What?"

"Five dollars and one cent. Five dollars for the doctor and a cent for the apple."—Harper's Bazar.

## Pretty Much the Same Thing.

A—I hear that you are going to marry a widow with \$10,000.

B—You have got things mixed. I am going to marry \$10,000 with a widow.—Texas Siftings.

## A Martyr for Others.

"Flooder is looking pale; he's just killing himself with hard work."

"What's he engaged at?"

"Inventing a labor saving machine."—Puck.

## MOYING SOUTH.

Remarkable Decline of the Pig Iron Production in the North and Great Increase in the South.

Iron Age.

While the returns from the widely scattered charcoal furnaces have not yet reached us, the reports from the producers of anthracite and coke pig iron are sufficiently complete to allow of the presentation of the following figures. These show that the output has fallen now to astonishingly low figures. The capacity of the coke furnaces in operation on the first of this month had fallen to 66,300 tons a week against 112,153 tons on the first of January and 127,634 tons on the first of December, when the maximum was reached. That the markets have not responded to this amazing decline in the supply can only be attributed to an extraordinary restriction in the consumption. The latter, of course, has been most pronounced in the steel rail mills, but it is marked also in all lines of iron making and allied industries.

As compared with previous months the active coke furnaces make the following showing:

Furnaces in blast.	Capacity per week.
April 1, 1891.....	94 66,300
March 1.....	113 85,093
February 1.....	125 94